

**House Bill 171 – Department of the Environment – Yard Waste, Food Residuals, and Other Organic Materials Diversion and Infrastructure**

**Study Group Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** Monday, March 19, 2018; 10 A.M.- 12 P.M.

**Place:** Maryland Department of the Environment  
Lobby Conference Rooms  
1800 Washington Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21230

- 10:00-10:10 • Welcome and Introductions - *All*  
• Approval of minutes from January 24, 2018 meeting - *All*
- 10:10-10:40 • Current status of organics diversion infrastructure in Maryland- *MDE*
- 10:40-11:30 • Discussion of methods to address infrastructure needs – *Workgroup members*

Suggested discussion topics include methods to:

- Improve food donation infrastructure;
- Better assess needs and challenges for the use of food scraps as animal feed;
- Consider whether the existing disposal ban on yard trimmings should be strengthened;
- Encourage expanded composting capacity in underserved areas of the State;
- Increase anaerobic digestion capacity; and
- Build small-scale composting infrastructure where larger facilities do not exist or are not economically feasible.

11:30-11:50 Comments from non-workgroup members – *Interested parties*

11:50-12:00 Wrap up and next steps - *MDE*

**Proposed Meeting Dates:** (All meetings are from 1:30pm-3:30pm)

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Thursday, July 19, 2018

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Thursday, November 1, 2018

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Please refer to the Department's Organics Diversion and Composting page for information relating to the study group. [www.mde.maryland.gov/composting](http://www.mde.maryland.gov/composting)

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